

soon be sufficiently armed, and I humbly offer it as my opinion that unless some such step is taken, the providing arms here, for the men that may be raised in this part of the County, will be altogether impracticable.

I am Sir your most hble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
 To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> of S<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Jenifer      John Hanson Jr:  
 President of the Council of Safety.

Original.

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sir. I received your letter and am well satisfied that I have so far pleasd you. You mention sending £250 by Capt. Nicholson. He brought me an order for that sum but no cash, have sent the order by M<sup>r</sup> Wells to receive the money, after paying the flour Expence to Poakomoak the expence of discharging the Brigs and the hier of the Vessels for the Troops to Elk, shall lay out the remainder in any way you please to order as I have opened a count for you shall credit you with the money and charge you for what I doe and pay for you, and render you a state of the account monthly or at the end of sartain Jobs done.

M<sup>r</sup> Wells has s[ome] proposals to make, but thinks it hard that he cant be paid his old account, which I know is hard on him as a man can have no trust here for any thing, and his surcumstances wont admit of his lying out of his mony so long. There is 20 bbls of superfine flour left with me and I was at the Bakery last night, there is a good deal of Bread bakd and very good, if there is any wanted for the Brig, please let me now in time, or if flour is wanted I have few barrells flour I should sell at 9<sup>s</sup> p<sup>r</sup> hundred which I would send down for the Brig. from your humble Servant

Balt. July 14<sup>th</sup> 1776.

Jesse Hollingsworth

My flour is fresh and good, if you should want to send any to Chingoteag for the Brig.

C. S. J.

Monday 15 July 1776.

Council met. Present the same members as on Saturday. John Hall Esq<sup>r</sup> a member of the Council attended and was qualified before M<sup>r</sup> Jenifer by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Copy of Letter N<sup>o</sup> 34 was sent to Lieut. Col. Alexander Somervill, Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 35 to Capt. Rezin Beall, Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 36 to Brigadier General Dent, and Copy of N<sup>o</sup> 37 to Col. Richard Barnes.